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Fez summit to endorse Fahd's plan

TUNIS, Nov. 19 (AP) — A consensus on the Middle East peace plan proposed by Crown Prince Fahd is expected to be reached at the Arab League summit meeting later this month in Fez, Morocco, sources close to the League secretariat said Thursday.

They said the agreement was unlikely to rest with the opposition many of Arab states. The sources noted the position of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has approved the overall plan, with some reservations, will be crucial in achieving the consensus.

The sources also confirmed that the situation in Lebanon will be studied on the opening day of the three-day summit, Nov. 25. The Lebanese government called unsuccessfully for an extraordinary summit meeting on the situation in southern Lebanon but settled for the subject being put on the agenda of the scheduled meetings.

U.S. role irks China

PEKING, Nov. 19 (AFP) — China Thursday insisted to visiting former U.S. Vice-President Walter Mondale that it strongly opposes continued American arms sales to the Republic of China.

Mondale, who arrived here Wednesday, said he would meet China Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping during his stay. One of Mondale's aides, meanwhile, said the former vice-president Thursday had three hours of talks with Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Wenjin, an expert on Sino-American ties.

The meeting touched on bilateral issues the Republic of China and Sino-American trade, the source indicated. "They (the Chinese) made their position (on the Republic of China) very clear, he added.

Mondale visited China in August 1979 when he was vice-president.

China has repeatedly vented its opposition to further U.S. arms sales to the Republic of China.

Mondale's aide said China also expressed a wish for better access to American markets and lessening of restrictions fixed by the United States on technology transfer to China.

Mondale was briefed by the Chinese on Peking's position at the same time as the annual Sino-American Economic Commission was meeting in Peking.

The U.S. delegation at the Economic Commission meeting is led by Treasury Secretary Donald Regan.

Mondale, who leaves Peking on Sunday, has not yet said when he is scheduled to meet Chinese strongman Deng Xiaoping.

Ethiopia army massacres 615 civilians

MOGADISHU, Somalia Nov. 19 (AP) — Ethiopian troops and militia were accused Wednesday of massacring 615 civilians in the south of the country. An Ethiopian guerrilla leader visiting Somalia told reporters that villagers in Sidamo Province were called together last Friday, ostensibly to discuss security problems. Guards encircling the crowd opened fire, killing almost everyone, said Wolde Emmanuël Dubale, leader of the Sidamo Liberation Movement (SLM).

He said the massacre in the village of Aho in the Bansa district of northern Sidamo, was in retaliation for an SLM attack on a military convoy in August.

Dubale was a vice-chairman of the Ethiopian Parliament in 1969, during the reign of the late emperor Haile Selassie, and is a former city governor in Sidamo Province under the present regime of Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam.

Dubale said the SLM has been active since 1976 in a self-determination struggle of the Sidamo-speaking people, who number some 1.5 million. It is allied to other national liberation movements in Ethiopia, backed by neighboring Somalia because of long-standing territorial claims and disputes between the two Horn of Africa neighbors.

Meanwhile, a 12-man U.S. delegation concluded a day-long visit to Somalia Wednesday after meeting President Siad Barre and defense and military officials.

The delegation led by Francis J. West, Assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, discussed matters of mutual interest.

The Somali national news agency said both sides "held convergent views on the security situation" in the Horn of Africa.

There was no mention from either side of the long-awaited delivery of \$45 million worth of anti-aircraft weaponry, promised by the Americans in exchange for use of port and airfield facilities in the northern Somali town of Berbera.

Laxatives too had hand in Sadat killing

CAIRO, Nov. 19 (AFP) — Laxatives played a key role in the assassination of President Anwar Sadat, according to the Egyptian authorities. Lt. Khalid Islambolli, alleged leader of the hit squad, is said to have secretly administered the laxatives to the three soldiers assigned to accompany him in the military parade at which Sadat was subsequently gunned down.

The three soldiers had to report sick and Lt. Islambolli replaced them with three accomplices.

With 24 persons going on trial this weekend for the Sadat assassination, the official case is that the killing was the work of "professionals." Abdessalam Farag, an engineer and religious pamphleteer masterminded the plot and is said to have completed preparations for the assassination last Sept. 28 and to have supplied the weapons as well.

According to the prosecution, the plotters envisaged several venues for the killing. One was Sadat's native village of Mit Abul Kom, where he went annually to meditate at his brother's grave.

Another was El Kanater, where Sadat had a country home, and a third was the Sinai monastery of Saint Catherine, where he was to have gone to pray on a Muslim holiday.

The dress rehearsal for the killing was on Oct. 6, a few hours before the fatal parade. The four-man command is said to have met Farag, who gave them their weapons and told them the aim of the operation: To kill Sadat and all the other political leaders with him on the reviewing stand.

The commandos were told to finish off the wounded and melt into the crowd.

But only four persons apart from Sadat were killed. The then vice-president, Hosni Mubarak, owes his life to his bodyguard, who threw him to the ground.

Of the commandos, Lt. Islambolli and an accomplice were wounded, a third commando surrendered, and a fourth fled to his sister's home in Cairo, where he was picked up later.

Press reports... counseled Sadat to cancel the military parade this year or at least wear a bulletproof jacket.

Sadat is said to have replied: "Why a bulletproof jacket? I am only going to see my children" — his term for the Egyptian armed forces.

Economy seen to grow at 0.6% in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (AP) — The national economy actually grew at an annual rate of 0.6 percent rate in the third quarter of this year, rather than declining at that rate as had been estimated previously, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

In a preliminary estimate last month, Commerce Department officials said economic activity fell at an annual rate of 0.6 percent in the July-September period.

The increase in inflation-adjusted gross national product was mostly due to a build-up of inventories, and, therefore, seemed unlikely to change the views of most analysts that the nation has now slipped into recession.

In other words, U.S. businesses were still turning out new products and materials in the July-September quarter, but other government reports have indicated that businesses were having a lot of trouble selling the products.

Djibouti stays nonaligned to cash in on its strategic position

DJIBOUTI, Nov. 19 (AP) — Since the French tricolor was lowered after 115 years in 1977, Djibouti has maintained a delicate balance between its bigger neighbors — pro-Soviet Ethiopia and pro-American Somalia.

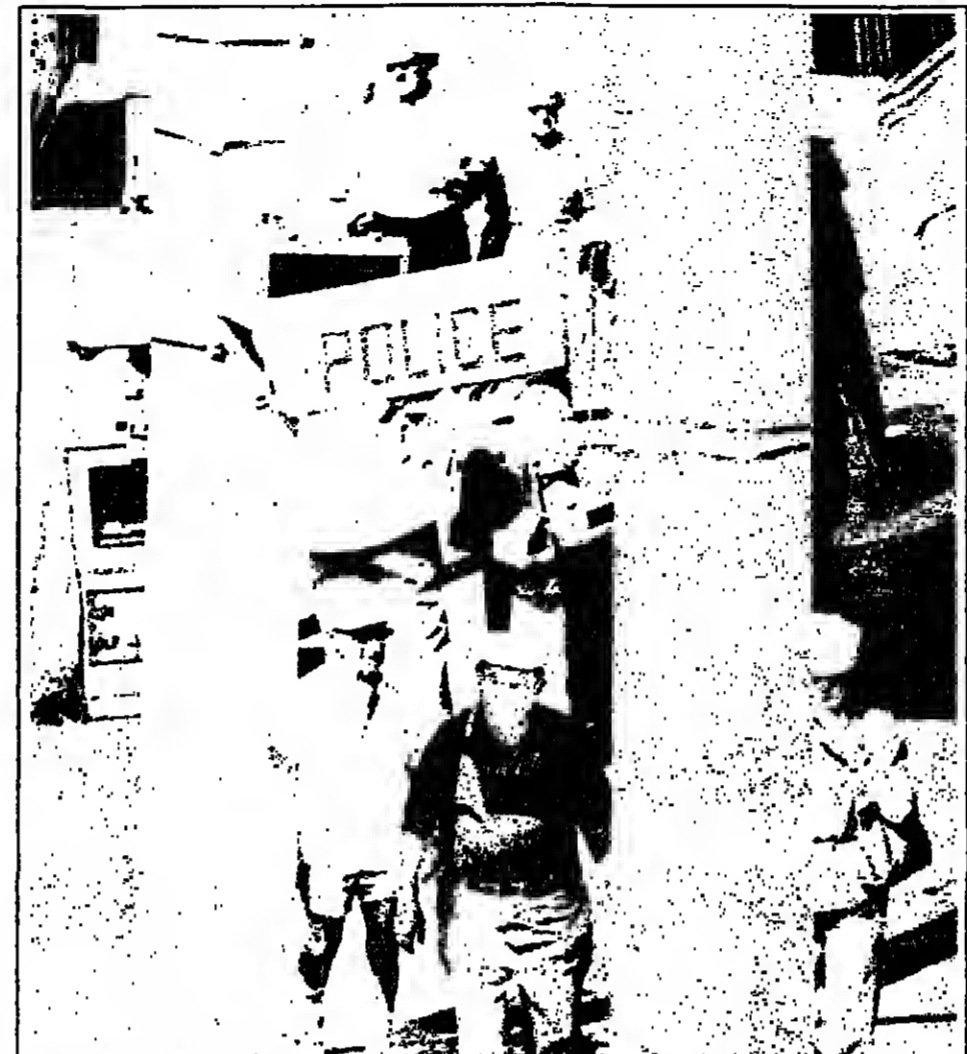
President Hassan Gouled has committed his desert nation to neutrality in the superpower rivalry on the strategic Horn of Africa and is trying to make Djibouti an enclave open to trade from all nations.

The government has kept 4,000 French troops, including 1,000 foreign legionnaires, to defend the country. Both Somalia and Ethiopia recognize Djibouti's independence but have previously made territorial claims to its 8,900 square miles (23,000 square kilometers).

The French military presence has not aroused criticism from the Marxist governments in Ethiopia and South Yemen, the latter just 65 kilometers (40 miles) across the Bab El Mandeb Strait. Western diplomats and Djiboutians agree that this is because every one is getting something from Djibouti, formerly known as the French territory of the Afars and the Issas.

In the busy port, which expects to have a container terminal by 1983, ships load Ethiopian molasses for Europe, goats, coffee, animal skins and vegetables.

Imported raw materials and consumer goods are also unloaded for shipment to Ethiopia and Somalia, North and South Yemen, Saudi Arabia and the east coast of Africa.



CRIME DETERRENT: Potential criminals on Miami Beach may think twice when they realize the police are watching them on closed circuit television. The television screens will be watched by citizen volunteers and police officers watching from 112 camera boxes mounted along a three-mile stretch of public streets in the crime troubled south Beach area.

Four months jail for Ecevit confirmed

ANKARA, Nov. 19 (R) — The Ankara martial law commander Thursday confirmed a four-month jail sentence on former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit and he is expected to begin serving it within days, Ecevit's lawyer said.

A martial law court sentenced the Social Democratic politician on Nov. 3 for violating a military decree banning former political figures from making public statements.

Sahin Mengu, lawyer for Ecevit, 56, told Reuters the commander Thursday sent papers confirming the sentence to a civilian prosecutor responsible for making arrests.

Mengu said the prosecutor would send papers to Ecevit instructing him to report to the prosecutor's office to begin his sentence: "This could even be today, or tomorrow or the next day. It depends on the prosecutor."

Ecevit, for whom the martial law prosecutor had demanded between three months and one year in jail, had been allowed to stay at home pending confirmation of the sentence.

Ecevit issued a statement to the foreign press here on Oct. 20 criticizing military rule. It was made in response to a bitter attack on politicians by head of state Kenan Evren when he dissolved all political parties on Oct. 16.

Ecevit led the Republican People's Party, broadly comparable with European Social Democratic parties, from 1972 until shortly after the military coup of September, 1980. The case of Ecevit, three times prime

Bombing threat shuts Paris-Orly

PARIS, Nov. 19 (R) — Security forces closed Paris-Orly Airport Thursday after an anonymous woman caller said a bomb was about to explode in the main control tower, airport officials said.

Security forces, on full alert since the arrest of an Armenian guerrilla convict at the airport last week, ordered the control tower evacuated and diverted all flights to other airports, the officials said.

Earlier this week the Orly Organization, an Armenian group threatened to blow up an Air France plane. The organization is seeking the release of "Comrade Dimitriu Giorgiu," arrested by French authorities at Orly Airport last week charged with using a fake passport.

Soviets dub U.S. offer propagandist gimmick

MOSCOW, Nov. 19 (R) — The official Soviet news agency Tass issued a new attack Thursday on President Reagan's proposal for a mutual ban on European-based medium-range missiles, saying it was based on "mysterious calculations."

At the same time, the agency issued a separate, sharply-worded commentary which charged that Washington was preparing to start another round of the arms race "and maybe even war."

The twin commentaries reinforced the impression that Moscow regarded the proposal made Wednesday as an unacceptable basis for missile negotiations and an attempt to upstage President Leonid Brezhnev's forthcoming trip to Bonn.

President Reagan's speech to the National Press Club in Washington was published on the eve of the official day of Soviet strategic rocket forces that drew eulogies in the Soviet press Thursday on Moscow's nuclear battle readiness.

Within hours of publication of Reagan's speech, Tass dismissed it as a propaganda play aimed at stalemating the forthcoming U.S.-Soviet missile talks in Geneva and securing Western military superiority "by the back door."

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Tass military specialist Vladimir Bogachyov wrote Thursday that President Reagan's assertion that the present nuclear balance was six-to-one in Moscow's favor represented "mysterious calculations." He repeated that Reagan had taken no account of U.S. forward-based systems or aerial threats to the Soviet Union from Britain and France.

"In his sensational statements about an overwhelming Soviet advantage, Reagan did not consider either the U.S. forward-based nuclear aircraft or the British and French nuclear bombers," Bogachyov said. He singled out for special scorn Reagan's statement that the United States would place emphasis on "openness and creativity" in verifying arms reductions.

In a parallel commentary, a senior Tass executive said President Brezhnev's four-day trip to West Germany next week was taking place "in a serious international situation."

Anatoly Krasikov, a deputy director general of the agency, accused the United States of preparing "to unleash another round of the arms race — and, maybe, even war — under cover of a clamor about a mythical Soviet military threat."

While making no direct reference to Reagan's speech, he said Washington had responded in its own way to peace campaigners in the West by saying their protests were Moscow-inspired.

"At the same time attempts were made to cast aspersions in advance on the sincerity of the statements the Soviet side will make during the forthcoming meetings in West Germany," he said. The strong language employed by Krasikov struck diplomats as unusual and reinforced the impression that Reagan's proposal had put the Kremlin on the defensive ahead of the visit to Bonn.

In Washington, the U.S. officers said America will consider any serious counter-proposals from Moscow to Reagan's call for drastic cuts in Soviet missiles.

Reacting to Moscow's criticism, a senior State Department official denied that Reagan's proposal that Russia dismantle 600 missiles with 1,100 warheads in return for NATO's dropping plans for 572 single warhead missiles was a propaganda play.

The White House said European reaction to the speech was highly favorable and estimated that 150 to 200 million people saw Reagan speaking in live or taped broadcasts.

Spokesman Larry Speakes said the U.S. spent \$50,000 to help foreign broadcasters transmit the speech to Europe.

The senior official called the Reagan proposal eminently fair, even though it called on Moscow to scrap existing missiles while NATO would cancel somewhat shaky plans to deploy missiles which would not be operational for at least two years.

The official said it was a "good assumption" that a Soviet offer to dismantle only its 250 or so triple-warhead SS-20s would not be acceptable to the United States. He also said it would be meaningless for the Soviets to destroy only SS-20s deployed west of the Ural mountains. Others are located toward China and could be swiftly moved to within striking range of Western Europe.

The senior official said Reagan's call for "openness and creativity" in verifying compliance with an arms control pact should not be equated exclusively with on-site inspection, which the Soviet Union has vigorously opposed in the past.

Just hours after Reagan's speech, the House of Representatives voted by wide margins to support B-1 bomber and MX missile programs, two major planks in his plan for modernizing U.S. strategic nuclear forces.

Jim Wright, leader of the Democratic majority in the house, called on his party members to back the missile program. He said President Reagan had made "a dramatic and historic gesture of peace" in offering to remove all intermediate range missiles in Europe.

Republican Jack Edwards said the B-1 bomber was "one of the elms the president should have been negotiating" arms cuts. Members of Congress from both parties joined in praising Reagan's speech in contrast to skepticism voiced in Congress Tuesday in response to advance reports on Reagan's missile proposal.

For public statement

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GOOD FRIENDS: While some dogs immediately run away when they see the awesome sight of a giant elephant, this fearless little fellow isn't bothered in the least. The pair work together at a circus in Polesbrook, England.

Soviets approve 1982 budget

MOSCOW, Nov. 19 (AFP) — The autumn session of the Supreme Soviet (parliament), chaired by President Leonid Brezhnev, ended in the Kremlin Thursday after three days of debate on mainly economic topics.

The 1,500 deputies unanimously approved the 1982 economic plan and budget and the bill on the 1981-85 five-year plan. Before the session, Brezhnev Monday reported to the party central committee on the country's economic difficulties.

Brezhnev expressed concern that difficulties in food supplies might have political repercussions. He criticized a number of ministers and called for better management of the national economy.

The Supreme Soviet responded to Brezhnev's concern by making certain downward adjustments in the plans reducing the total sum of investment.

Last December a 12 to 15 percent increase in investment was provided for. Now it will be 10.4 percent. Forecast for oil production in 1985 were reduced to 630 million tons, against last year's forecast of 645 million tons.

Kingdom ratifies pacts with Pakistan, Tunisia

RIYADH, Nov. 19 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Pakistan Thursday exchanged the instruments of ratification relating to the agreement for the establishment of a joint investment company between the two countries. The two governments had signed the agreement May 25.

The instruments were exchanged by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Pakistan's ambassador to the Kingdom Najm al-Sayid Khan.

According to the ambassador, the company, with a paid up capital of \$100 million to be contributed equally by the two countries, will make investments in the industrial and agro-based industrial fields in Pakistan.

He added that the Pakistan-based company will aim to finance joint projects in industrial and agricultural sectors, which will tend to raise living standard and boost agro-industrial development in Pakistan. The project will add a new dimension to the cordial relations existing between the two countries, he said.

The production of the company-invested projects will be marketed locally as well as abroad.

In another development, Prince Saud and the Tunisian ambassador to the Kingdom Kacem Bousmina Thursday exchanged the instruments of ratification, on behalf of their respective governments, in regard to the agreement signed Jan. 6 for the establishment of a Saudi-Tunisian company for investment development.

Bousmina said that the company, with a 100-million Tunisian dinar capital to be



Prince Saud Al-Faisal, shared equally by the two countries, will aim to develop joint ventures between the two countries. The Tunis-based company is a significant bilateral venture symbolizing economic cooperation and strong bilateral links, the ambassador added.

Meanwhile, Prince Saud met with Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference at his office here Thursday.

Following the meeting, Chatti said they discussed with the foreign minister several topics connected with the upcoming Arab summit conference at Fez, Morocco. He added that he has received an invitation to attend the conference.

Farmers loaned SR100.8m by agriculture bank

JEDDAH, Nov. 19 (SPA) — Loans extended to farmers by the Agricultural Bank's Jeddah branch from May to October amounted to SR100.88 million, according to officials Thursday. The number of loan agreements signed during the same period reached 12,000.

Abdul Aziz Taber Habashi, the branch's director, said the loans were granted by the bank on short and medium terms. The short-term loans, which provide for financing purchases of seeds, fertilizers, tractors and other agricultural needs, are to be repaid within one year. Meanwhile, the medium-term loans granted to finance agricultural machinery are to be settled over a 10-year period, according to Habashi.

He added that the bank has provided a subsidy of 45 percent for tractors and mowers. The subsidy percentage moves up to 50 percent for pumps and other machinery, he said. Agricultural machinery purchased with the bank's assistance during the six-month period numbered 746 units. The total amount of assistance contributed for the machinery amounted to SR12 million, Habashi said.

The assistance and loans served 13,739 donums of invested agricultural land and 78,856 donums of fallow farm land, the director said. In addition, SR64.2 million loans were granted for establishing six animal husbandry projects and poultry farms, he added. The agricultural bank's Jeddah branch serves Jeddah, Makkah and Qunfuzab area.

Miteb studies Mina projects

JEDDAH, Nov. 19 (SPA) — Prince Miteb, minister of public works and housing, discussed projects for building more flyovers and tunnels in Mina and Makkah during a meeting of the committee for the Development of Mina, held at his office here Wednesday.

After the meeting, Prince Miteb told reporters that the committee approved the plan for levelling Al-Shuaybeyyah plain area with a few amendments. It also approved to extend King Faisal street to the mountains to reduce traffic jams in the area between the public hospital and Al-Jamrat. Other recommendations will be submitted to the King. One of them is to move the two slaughterhouses in Shuaybeyyah to Al-Muaysem to house more pilgrims instead. The rest call for building more reservoirs and

Pakistan official lauds Fahd plan

JEDDAH, Nov. 19 (SPA) — Pakistani Religious Affairs Minister Abbas Abbasi Thursday commended the overwhelming international support extended to Saudi Arabian eight-point plan.

In an interview with *Al-Madina* newspaper, the Pakistani minister stressed that Saudi Arabia has introduced the peace plan out of its historic Arab and Islamic responsibility for realizing crucial Arab issues and ensuring peace and security in the region.

Meanwhile, Pakistani Information Minister Raja Zafarul Haq arrived here Wednesday on a few days visit to the Kingdom. He was met at the airport by Abdullah Qadi, director for external information.

lavatories in Mina. Further illumination in Mina is also advocated. The prince said that some of these projects will be ready before the next pilgrimage season.

The meeting was attended by Pilgrimage Undersecretary Abdullah Bugas; Abdul Aziz Ghandoura, director general of Mina's development project; Makkah Mayor Abdul Qader Kosbak; Traffic Commander Brig. Muhammad ibn Rajai Al-Harbi; Ali Abul Ofa, secretary of the Central Pilgrimage Committee; and representatives from the Finance Ministry and the Roads Department.

Bonn hails joint commission's result

BONN, Nov. 19 (SPA) — A statement issued here Thursday by the West German Ministry of Economic Affairs hailed the outcome of Saudi-German Joint Commission meetings led by Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail and his West German counterpart Otto Lambsdorff.

The statement over the radio said that the meetings held from Nov. 12 to 13 were positive and gave a new impetus to bilateral relations and cooperation in the economic

Salman refutes press rumors

RIYADH, Nov. 19 (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman Thursday denied having said that Saudi Arabia will not establish diplomatic ties with the Soviet Union and China.

Commenting on report attributed to *Al-Hadaf* weekly magazine, the prince said "this is incorrect as I have not held any interview in this behalf with any newspaper or magazine."

and technical fields. It referred to the two agreements signed at the conclusion of the session, and said that one of them called for cooperation in vocational training and technical assistance in the various industrial fields. The other provide for the establishment of a SR10-million company to be named the Saudi German Company for the Development of Investments. Saudi Arabia will own 52 percent of the capital of the company which will be based in Riyadh.

Paris talks focus on divine message

PARIS, Nov. 19 (SPA) — The European Continental Council for Mosques Wednesday urged serious efforts to spread the message of the Holy Quran and its sciences among Muslim youths in Europe.

Concluding its three-day session here, the council approved the establishment of a continental institute for training imams and propagators in Europe. The institute will be based in Brussels. The session also gave green light for forming a local council for France.

The council recommended the need to speed up the establishment of local mosque council for each European country. It also stressed the necessity of teaching Muslim children the Arabic language so they can preserve their religion and Islamic personality. The council also recommended special attention to be given to people wishing to embrace Islam.

Among the council's decisions was forming a committee to study the issue of *halal* (permissible) food and beverages for Muslims and how they could be obtained in Europe. Another committee will also be formed to study resolutions issued by astronomers.

The session also discussed the results of a seminar on legal timing held in Brussels

recently. The council decided to prepare a guide for mosques in Europe.

Muslim World League Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan commended the results achieved by the session and appealed to Muslims to close their ranks and to discourage dissension.

Sheikh Muhammad Al-Ujwini, secretary general of the European continental council for mosques hailed the session's results and the positive effects the decisions will have in preserving the mosque's role in educating and guiding Muslim youths in Europe. He thanked the MWL and the Supreme World Council for Mosques for their efforts to make the session successful.

In a separate development, the MWL is to set up five centers for religious learning in Somalia, according to an agreement concluded in Mogadishu Wednesday with the Ministry of Justice and Religious Affairs.

The five institutions will be built in the towns of Mogadishu, Hargeisa, Kismayo, Bardere and Merca. Under the same agreement, the League will also establish medical centers at refugee camps, religious schools in all the camps, and provide aid for medical services and water supplies.

FROM THE GULF

ABU DHABI, Nov. 19 (WAM) — Sheikh Muhammad bin Sultan Al-Dhahiri, deputy governor of the central bank, opened Thursday meetings of controllers of Arab Gulf central banks. The meeting is attended by officials of monetary institutes of the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and Iraq. Dhahiri in an inaugural speech welcomed the participants and said that the meeting comes within the context of consultations to better monetary systems in the member-states. The meeting which continues until Saturday comes at the request of the eighth meeting of the Gulf central bank governors held in Abu Dhabi May 17.

ABU DHABI, Nov. 19 (WAM) — Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Muhammad Abdul Rahman Al-Bakr leaves for Kuala Lumpur Saturday leading an Islamic delegation to the International Islamic Conference opening there Tuesday. The seven-day conference is organized by the Malaysian government in collaboration with the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). The meeting will be attended by Islamic Affairs Ministers and Muslim

intellectuals from Arab and Islamic countries.

JEDDAH, Nov. 19 — Portugal and the United States have joined the list of nations with exhibitor groups at this month's Arab Home and Leisure Show in Bahrain, according to a statement by the organizers. The exhibition is the first trade show for consumer goods, furniture and leisure industries in the Gulf. Twelve Portuguese companies will be sustaining a major initiative to increase trade with the Middle East by their participation. The products they will display include porcelain, crystal and copper gift, tableware, clothing, cosmetics and domestic appliances. Meanwhile, 30 companies, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce, will demonstrate products "typical of the quality American goods and services," according to the organizers. Local participation is substantial with over 1,000 square meters of space taken by Gulf companies. Many of these are manufacturers and assemblers in their own right, fighting for bigger shares of the increasingly attractive furniture, household goods and leisure items.

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Holds 'positive' talks with Arafat Sarkis reported seeking to neutralize S. Lebanon

BEIRUT, Nov. 19 (Agencies) — Lebanese President Elias Sarkis plans to seek a total moratorium on Palestinian commando activity in southern Lebanon and a simultaneous takeover of the Israeli-backed rightist militia enclaves along Israel's northern border by United Nations peacekeeping forces, a Beirut newspaper said Thursday.

As-Safir newspaper quoted unnamed official Lebanese sources as saying Sarkis will put forward the double-barreled plan to "neutralize southern Lebanon" at an Arab summit scheduled for Nov. 25-27 in Fez, Morocco.

The paper said Sarkis informed Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat of Lebanon's intent to seek a pan-Arab endorsement of the neutralization plan during their two-hour face-to-face meeting Wednesday night.

Lebanese government and PLO spokesman refused to confirm, deny or even go on the record as saying "no comment" when they were asked by the Associated Press about the authenticity of As-Safir's report.

The Lebanese government has frequently sought at the United Nations to extend the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) to Israel's northern boundary, including deploying U.N. troops in the 10-by-95-kilometer enclave held by Israeli-backed rightwing militiamen led by renegade Lebanese Army Maj. Saad Haddad.

The Lebanese government also has long been trying to make the PLO discontinue attacks on Israel from South Lebanon, a move Sarkis and Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan hope would defuse tensions in the region that has become a Mideast flashpoint.

The new element in As-Safir's report is that Sarkis and Wazzan have resolved to wield a commando moratorium and a U.N. takeover of Haddad's "free Lebanon" enclave into an official blueprint for collective Arab endorsement, hoping that Arafat would not veto it at the Fez summit.

In a question-and-answer session with Lebanon's state television after his ice-breaking talks with Sarkis Wednesday night, Arafat pledged to "support and facilitate" efforts to bring about the U.N. Security Council Resolution calls on all parties involved to help UNIFIL fulfil its mandate at re-establishing Lebanese government sovereignty over all of South Lebanon, which Israel invaded in 1978 to drive commandos back from its northern borders.

Arafat described his talks with Sarkis as "brotherly, positively and constructive." The meeting, according to Beirut state radio, was the fruit of a week-long mediation effort by two Algerian emissaries dispatched by President Chadli Benjedid in a bid to ease Lebanon's post-civil war tensions and to prepare for the Arab summit. "I can say that there will be total coordi-



President Elias Sarkis

nation between Lebanon and the (Palestinian) resistance at the summit," Arafat said.

Present at the meeting were Wazzan and PLO security chief Salah Khalaf.

Sarkis and Wazzan had earlier concluded talks on the Lebanese working paper which is to be presented to Arab leaders at the Fez summit. Lebanese newspapers said the working paper would focus mainly on the southern Lebanon issue rather than on the Lebanese crisis in its broader aspects.

Referring to the Saudi Arabian eight-point peace plan presented last August, Arafat said he had discussed the peace formula with Sarkis since it will be up for debate at the summit.

"I have already said that I welcome this plan so long as it stresses an end to Israeli occupation from all Arab lands as well as the Palestinian peoples' right to self-determination. It also stressed the need to establish an independent state with its capital Jerusalem," Arafat said.

Israelis teargas students

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19 (Agencies) — Israeli troops teargassed Palestinian students Thursday outside a West Bank refugee camp after the students stoned army vehicles and raised the Palestinian national flag, military sources said. The incident occurred at Jalazon camp north of Ramallah. Elsewhere youths from Ramallah and Hebron stoned a few army cars without intervention from security forces.

Spopponents throughout the occupied West Bank and Arab East Jerusalem ignored a call by the Palestine Liberation Organization for a general commercial strike marking the fourth anniversary of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem.

The PLO, which opposed Sadat's initiative, spread leaflets with the strike call Wednesday. It was not clear whether the demonstrations were tied to the Sadat anniversary or belonged to the general anti-Israeli unrest in the West Bank in recent weeks.

A peaceful demonstration was held at the East Jerusalem Red Cross, where Palestinian doctors and nurses protested the arrest of Samir Katbeh, head of an Arab physician's league.

Meanwhile, Israel's opposition Labor Party leader Shimon Peres Thursday criticized the policies of Defense Minister Ariel Sharon in the West Bank and Gaza. Replying to questions, Peres told reporters that he felt the "present policy of destroying the homes of suspected Palestinians was too severe."



HUSSEIN IN LONDON: British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher greets King Hussein of Jordan during their meeting at Downing Street Tuesday. King Hussein, who is on a private visit to London, discussed the Middle East crisis with Mrs. Thatcher.

To report on Hussein's U.S. talks

Jordan teams to visit Arab states

AMMAN, Nov. 19 (R) — Jordanian delegations are to visit Gulf states and other Arab countries shortly to report on King Hussein's recent talks with President Reagan, the well informed Jordanian daily Al-Ra'i said Thursday. It said the messages "contain information and conceptions" about the U.S. and European positions on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Quoting well-informed sources in Amman, it said the messages were expected to be delivered to other Arab leaders before the Arab summit in Fez, Morocco on Nov. 25.

Al-Ra'i said Jordan was also expected to intensify its efforts at the summit to bring about a unified Arab stand on the Middle East issue. Western diplomatic sources said here Wednesday night the U.S. was now awaiting the results of the Fez meeting before taking its next step on the way to a Middle East settlement.

2,000 arrested in Punjab crackdown

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 19 (AFP) — More than 2,000 people have been arrested in Punjab province following a crackdown on "anti-social elements", police sources said Thursday.

In Gujranwala, an industrial town near the provincial capital of Lahore, "summary action" was taken against 509 people from whom police recovered a "huge quantity" of arms, the sources said. The arms were said to include 117 pistols and revolvers, 37 rifles, two Sten-guns and 49 daggers.

Police went into action following reported threats of sabotage by Al-Zulfikar anti-government terrorist groups, the sources said.

Last week members of the Kabul-based organization comprising opponents of the Pakistani government wrote letters to the country's political leaders and threatened to blow up a building of a pro-government newspaper of Lahore.

BRIEFS

ANKARA (AP) — Turkish health authorities reported Thursday 319 people were hospitalized with typhoid as health teams combed Ankara's low-income areas to contain the epidemic. Health Minister Neemi Ayanoglu said special health teams had been dispatched to six slum areas where the disease broke out a week ago.

TEHRAN (AP) — Clashes between revolutionary guards and "counter-revolutionaries" in the west Azerbaijan towns of Bukan and Mahabad left over 12 dissidents dead or wounded Wednesday, Islamic Republic newspaper reported Thursday.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A \$180 million claim on behalf of 3,000 American citizens and corporations was filed by the U.S. government with the Iran-U.S. claims tribunal in The Hague Wednesday, the State Department announced. The claim is to compensate Americans for losses suffered during the Iranian revolution.

Resolution adopted by 116 to 23

U.N. urges Soviet pullout from Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 19 (Agencies) — The U.N. General Assembly has called for the immediate withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan, where Soviet forces have been stationed since December 1979. In a resolution adopted by 116 to 23, with 12 abstentions Wednesday it also reaffirmed the right of the Afghan people to determine their

own form of government, without outside interference, and called on all parties to work for a political solution.

It urged the creation of conditions permitting Afghan refugees, some 2.3 million of whom have sought asylum in Pakistan, to return to their homes "in safety and honor."

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, who appointed a personal representative on the Afghan question earlier this year, was asked to continue his efforts to promote a political solution.

It was the third time the assembly had adopted a resolution calling for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan since the Soviet incursion. A similar draft, which also deplored the "armed intervention," was approved at an emergency special session of the assembly in January 1980 by 104 to 18 with 18 abstentions.

Another resolution was adopted by the assembly at last year's regular session by 111 votes to 22 with 12 abstentions. The latest

draft, sponsored by 45 Third World countries, was passed at the end of a three-day debate during which the Soviet action was repeatedly criticized.

The Soviet Union and its supporters, including Ambassador Muhammad Farid Zarif speaking for Afghanistan, said the Afghan government had invited Soviet assistance and criticized the U.N. resolution as interference in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

Soviet Ambassador Oleg A. Troyanovsky accused the United States and China of obstructing a political settlement in Afghanistan by aiding rebels fighting the Kabul government.

Earlier Wednesday, Jeane Kirkpatrick, the chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, said the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan ended a period of optimism concerning the evolution of Soviet policy and intentions.

Addressing the General Assembly, Mrs. Kirkpatrick said the Soviet invasion shattered prospects for the continued stability of Southwest Asia and the Gulf.

Soviets said using chemical weapons

STRASBOURG, France, Nov. 19 (AP) — Soviet troops are using chemical weapons in efforts to destroy Afghan resistance fighters, an Afghan resistance leader charged Thursday.

"Napalm and phosphorous bombs containing chemicals which burn fiercely and are practically impossible to extinguish with earth or water are being repeatedly dropped in Afghanistan," Sayid Ahmad Gailani said during a news conference.

An associate of Gailani, who heads an alliance of three resistance groups, said at least 150 women and children were killed in a recent attack on a village of 500 inhabitants. Gailani, along with six other Afghan resistance leaders, spoke to journalists and members of the European parliament at a briefing Thursday.

"Saturation bombing has now been resorted to by Soviet troops employing special fragmentation bombs which release razor-sharp slivers of steel," Gailani said. "Afghan villages and cities are being razed to the ground."

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MX, B-1 get big support in House

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (R) — The House of Representatives has voted by wide margins to support President Ronald Reagan's B-1 bomber and MX missile programs, major elements in his plan to modernize U.S. strategic nuclear forces.

The House agreed by a nearly two to one margin in separate votes to fund the controversial \$197.4 billion defense budget just hours after President Reagan proposed an early start to strategic arms reduction talks with Moscow next year.

Funding for the B-1 bomber, which would go into service in 1986, must also win Senate approval for the program to begin. Defending the bomber, Republican Jack Edwards cited Reagan's speech earlier Wednesday and said the B-1 was "one of those chips the President should have when negotiating" arms cuts.

But New York Democrat Joseph Addabbo dismissed it as "a bumper of a bomber" and said the B-1 would not be able to penetrate Soviet air defenses beyond 1990.

House Democratic leader Jim Wright urged his party members to back the MX missile program. "Today, the president, in a dramatic and historic gesture of peace, offered to zero out (remove) all intermediate range missiles on the continent of Europe. Let us not cut out the ground on which he stands at this very moment."

The House later defeated three separate efforts to cut the defense budget by between two and five percent and went on to approve a "war bill" by an overwhelming majority. The Senate is expected to take up the defense appropriations bill within the next week.

Indian Army alerted for strike in Assam

NEW DELHI, Nov. 19 (AP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government alerted army troops and invoked India's National Security Act Wednesday to outlaw work stoppages in essential services in Assam state on the eve of a 36-hour general strike called by anti-immigrant agitators there.

An order issued after a meeting of Mrs. Gandhi's cabinet banned strikes in railways, hospitals, defense establishments and installations, postal, transport and banking services and coal, power, steel and petroleum industries.

Big 2 envoys agree on 'non-partisan Waldheim'

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 19 (AP) — U.S. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick said here Wednesday night that she and Soviet Ambassador Oleg A. Troyanovsky agreed that U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim was "the kind of non-partisan person" both their governments could "get a fair share from."

She told reporters the two found themselves in agreement on that point in a talk earlier in the day at the United States' U.N. mission opposite this headquarters, where Troyanovsky called with his deputy, Richard S. Ovinnikov.

Waldheim is seeking the U.N. Security Council's recommendation for an unprecedented third term but on 16 secret ballots since Oct. 27 has been vetoed by China, which favors a Third World secretary-general.

Despite China's support, Tanzanian foreign minister Salim Ahmad Salim has not been recommended because each time he has either failed to get the necessary nine-vote majority or else been vetoed, presumably by the United States.

The U.N. Charter provides that the General Assembly shall elect the secretary-general but limits its choice to a candidate recommended by the Security Council by at least nine votes with no veto.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick said she and Troyanovsky "talked about whether we thought the Chinese were now firm in their opposition to a European."

She said reports from foreigners of various nationalities in Peking gave the impres-



Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim



Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim

sion that the Chinese would indeed stick to their veto of a European — whether Waldheim or somebody else.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was interviewed after conferring with the council president for November, Tunisian Ambassador Taleb Slim, in the president's office.

Slim had been consulting some of the 15 council members individually. Mrs. Kirkpatrick said she expected he might consult

Sources in touch with African delegates said some were studying the possibility of promoting a new African candidate in view of Salim's failure to get the council's recommendation.

The sources, which asked not to be identified, said those mentioned in that connection included Peter Onu of Nigeria, deputy secretary-general of the Organization of African Unity; Kenyan Foreign Minister Robert J. Ouko, chairman of the OAU ministerial council; Cheikh Sylla, U.N. observer for the Organization of Islamic Conference and Senegalese mission counselor; Zambian Ambassador Paul J.F. Lusaka, president of the U.N. Council for Namibia, and Davidson Nichol of Sierra Leone, executive director of the U.N. Institute for Training and Research.

Algerian Ambassador Muhammad Bedjaoui told a reporter the Africa should continue to back Salim. Ugandan Ambassador Olara Otunnu, a Security Council member, said that before the council voted on anybody besides Waldheim and Salim, those interested should come to the council and declare themselves to be candidates.

Although he has drawn 16 vetoes from China, Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim will continue to seek re-election, a U.N. spokesman said Wednesday. "The secretary-general is still a candidate," the spokesman, Rudolf Stajduhar said.

During a total of 16 ballots since Oct. 27, Waldheim has consistently outpolled his Third World challenger, Salim Ahmad Salim.

Police van takes Kissinger out of Brazilian siege

BRASILIA, Brazil, Nov. 19 (AP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger fled the university of Brasilia in a police paddy wagon Wednesday after 400 cursing, rock-throwing demonstrators laid siege to the administration building where he was lecturing.

Kissinger and some 300 persons, mostly diplomats, attending his lecture were holed up for nearly two hours while student demonstrators, screaming obscenities and slogans like "Yankee go home" and "the people need food," surrounded the university's administration complex.

The ambassadors of Japan, Israel, Finland, Iraq, Chile, India and Argentina, among the audience, were escorted from the scene after federal Congressman Jose Pinheiro Machado struck a deal with the demonstrators.

Kissinger's speech on international relations was at times drowned out by the students, who burned a U.S. flag in a demonstration that mixed protests against Kissinger, the United States and the Brazilian government.

Kissinger completed his speech, but was locked in the administration complex for almost two hours along with the audience. Kissinger several officials and journalists stationed themselves in the office of the university rector, Jose Carlos Azavedo, while those attending the lecture remained in the adjacent auditorium. There were no injuries reported in the incident.

Kissinger left the university campus in a police paddy wagon along with the university rector and George High, the second-ranking diplomat at the U.S. Embassy.

During the siege Kissinger held a makeshift news conference with several reporters. He joked at the suggestion that the incident could turn into a hostage situation. "That would be serious," he replied, "because no one would want to pay the ransom. I'd be the one who would have to pay and I don't have it."

British study concludes

Catheterization unnecessary

BOSTON, Massachusetts, Nov. 19 (AP) — Cardiac catheterization, a routine test for people about to undergo heart valve surgery, is not necessary for most patients and may even be associated with a lower survival rate, a British study concludes.

The doctors in the study say another simple test, called an echocardiogram, can replace catheterization for three-fourths of the people who doctors believe need heart valve surgery.

In catheterization, doctors insert a thin plastic tube into a blood vessel, route it into the heart and then use it to inspect the interior of the heart. Patients must be hospitalized for the test.

With an echocardiogram, doctors use high-frequency sound waves to take a picture of the heart. The test is painless and does not require inserting anything into the body.

Doctors compared the outcomes of patients examined with the two tests during a year-long study at Brompton Hospital in London. The findings were published in Thursday's issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

In the study, 184 patients underwent sur-

gery to repair faulty heart valves without first having catheterization. Another 59 patients received the exam because the results of echocardiography and other non-invasive tests were ambiguous.

The fate of these two groups was compared with that of 62 other patients who received routine catheterization elsewhere before being hospitalized for heart surgery.

In all the patients, the original diagnosis was confirmed during the operation.

However, the death rate among people having a single valve replaced was significantly higher if they first underwent catheterization. The doctors were unable to explain this difference.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. R.O. Brandenburg of the Mayo Medical School noted that catheterization had been the "gold standard" for heart valve disease.

But the doctor agreed that routine catheterization is no longer necessary for these patients and added that it "adds unnecessary expense and hospitalization without altering outcome."

BRIEFS

NEW YORK (AP) — A 53-year-old building maintenance worker, who now plans to retire, was revealed Wednesday as the winner of New York state's record \$5 million Lotto prize. "I've been eating bread all my life. Now I'll eat cake," the beaming winner, Louis Eisenberg, said at a news conference. Lottery officials said the Lotto game offers the biggest payoff in the world, with the nearest rival being a \$3 million German lottery.

MIAMI, Florida, (R) — A Cuban refugee who tried to hijack an airliner to take him home in October last year was sentenced Wednesday to 30 years in jail for attempted piracy.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Adm. Sir Harry Leach, Britain's first sea lord and Royal Navy chief of staff, began an eight-day goodwill visit Thursday at India gate, the massive stone arch built after World War II by India's former British rulers.

KATMANDU, Nepal, (AP) — Britain's Princess Anne left here Thursday by special aircraft for New Delhi on her way home after completing a 10-day tour of Nepal. She was seen off at the airport by Princess Sharda, a sister of King Birendra of Nepal, and Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa.

SYDNEY, (R) — Two youths aged 16 and 19 were charged Thursday with the murder of the Greek consul-general in Sydney, who was found stabbed Monday. Both youths were also charged with the killing of a 41-year-old school teacher last month which police said

bore marked resemblances to the murder of consul Constantine Giannaris, 47.

BANGKOK, Thailand, (AP) — The United States may call for an international conference to discuss alleged chemical warfare by Communist forces in Indochina, a senior U.S. State Department official said Wednesday.

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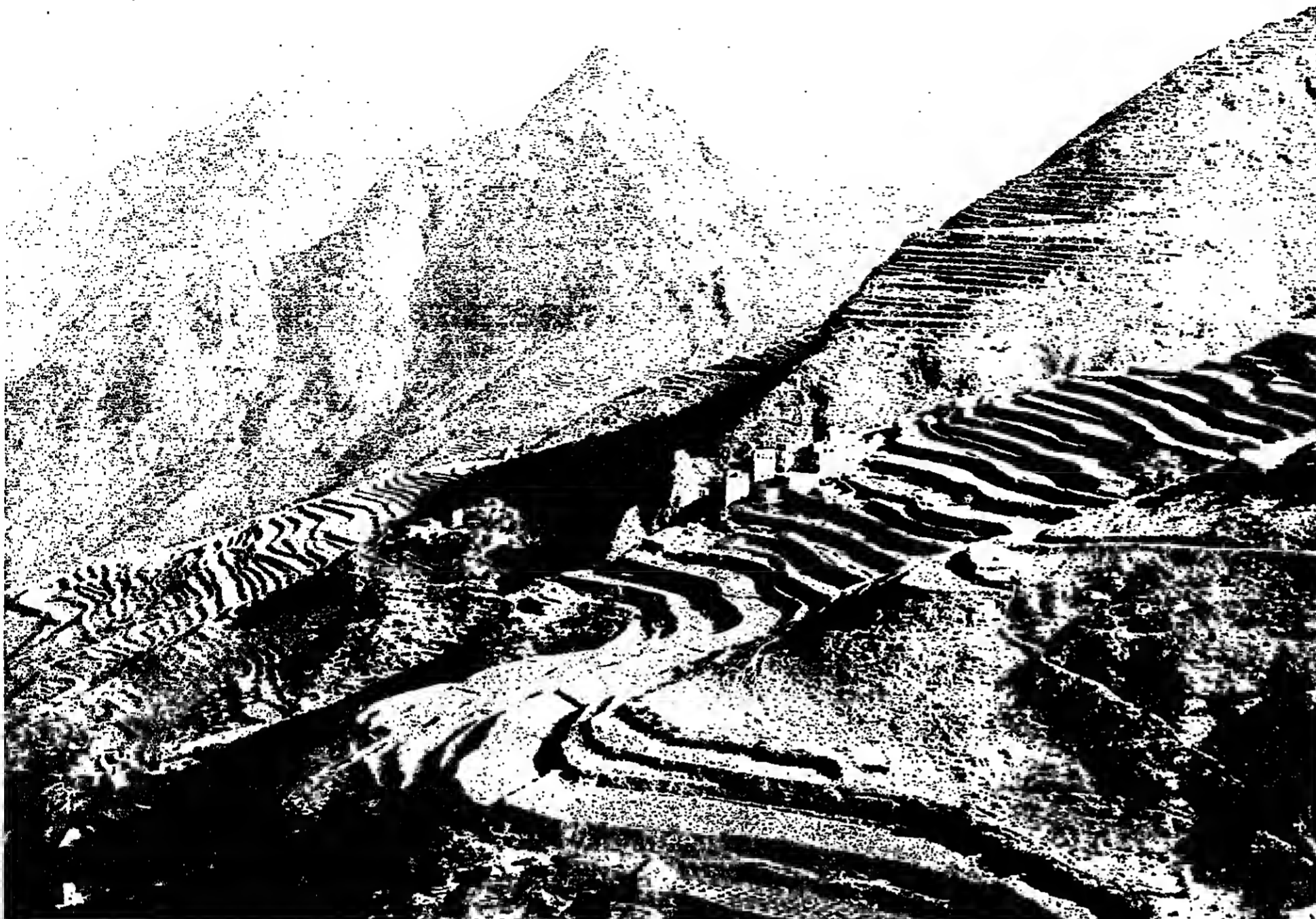
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TWO GENERATIONS: Young and old citizens of Sadah live side by side.

WEAVER'S ART: A craftsman practices weaving arts which are often passed on from generation to generation.



HILLTOP CITY: Here at Djebelah is located the site of Queen Awous's palace.



SCHIBA VI: This North Yemen town is located at the base of a cliff.



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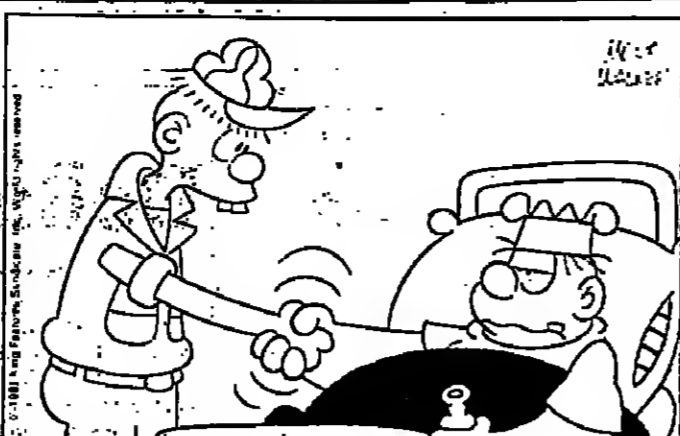


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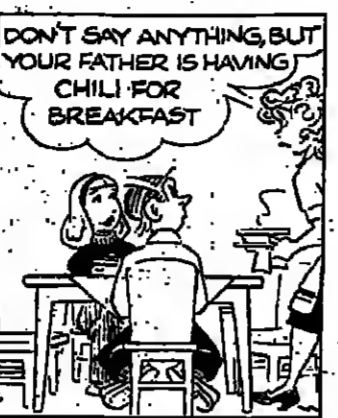


SADAH MARKET: Royalist tribesmen, left, visit the market. Right, in the stalls at the market all kinds of produce is sold.

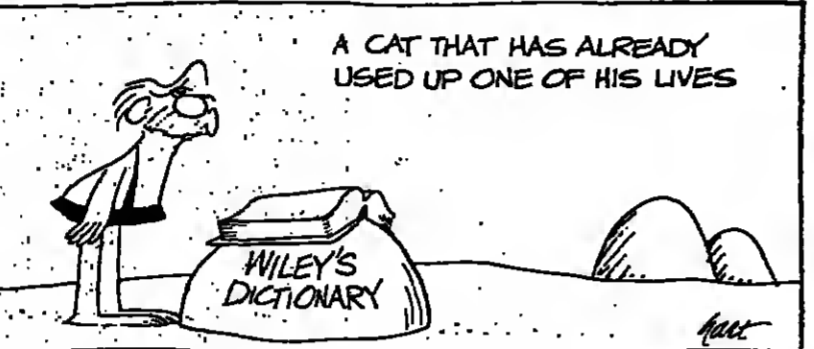
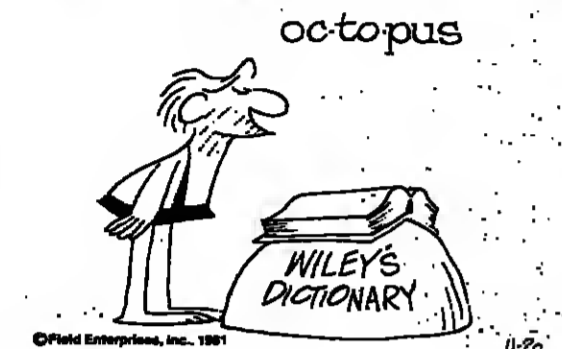
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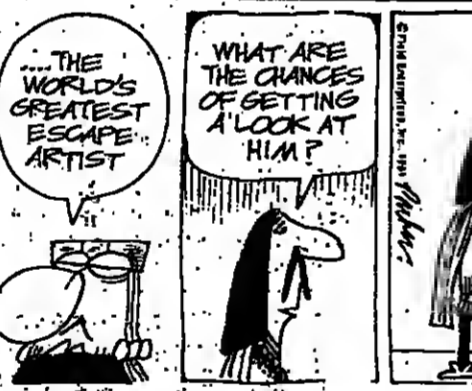
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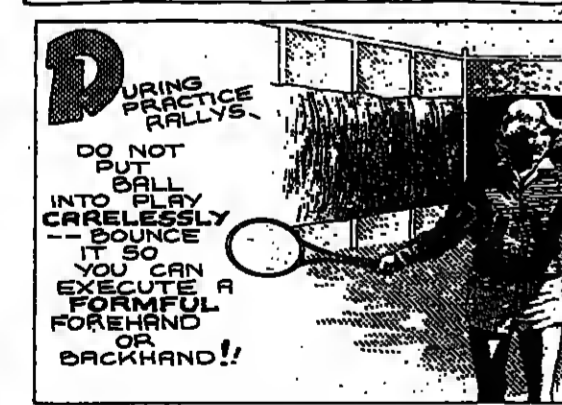
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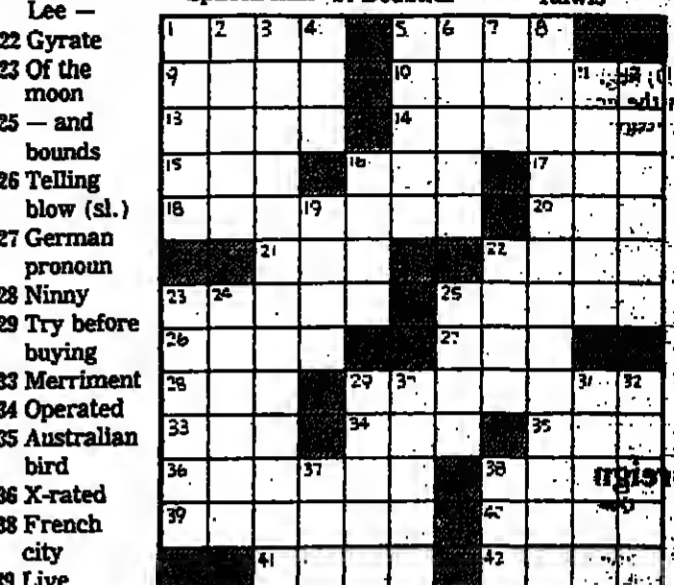
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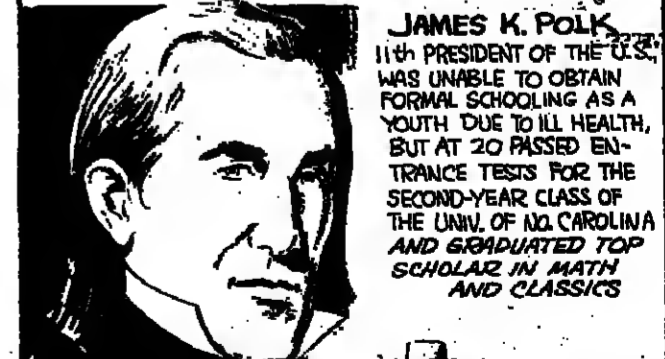
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LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Real estate deals are favored. You'll enjoy shopping now, but avoid off-beat selections. A flirtation may amount to nothing. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) New initiative has you on the go. You're an effective spokesman for your ideas. You can safely push your pet interests now. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Catch up on unfinished work. Avoid gossip and keep financial developments confidential. Private meetings are favored. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Group activities are accented now. Speak up and let your viewpoint be known. A change of plans will work to your advantage.

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Fears trade war

Japan finds surplus tastes bitter

TOKYO, Nov. 19, (R) — Japanese Cabinet Minister Toshio Komoto said Thursday that Japan's fast growing current account surplus was pushing the world toward a trade war.

Reflecting growing official concern here over Japan's foreign trade disputes, Komoto, director-general of the Economic Planning Agency (EPA), said: "Overseas discontent is rising so high that we are almost on the verge

of a trade war." Komoto told business leaders that discontent in the United States and Western Europe "has been causing a protectionist tendency which might deal a fatal blow to the world economy."

He said Japan's current account was likely to swing into a massive \$12 billion to \$13 billion in the financial year ending next March unless the government took swift and effective measures to curb the trend.

Komoto was speaking shortly before the arrival of U.S. treasury Secretary Donald Regan for a two-day visit in which he is expected to discuss the trade issue in talks with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and other ministers.

Regan's visit starts three days after the U.S. submitted to Tokyo proposals for opening up the Japanese market to more foreign goods.

On Tuesday, a day after delivery of the proposals for abolishing import tariffs on 29 items such as computers and car parts, a special Japanese cabinet council failed to agree on fresh measures to resolve the nation's foreign trade disputes.

Japanese industrial leaders have joined United States and Western Europe in seeking quick government action over the trade surplus, which finance ministry sources believe could reach a record \$23 billion this financial year.

The Keidanren, the Japanese employers' federation, said Wednesday it would formally warn the government by end of this month that pressure in Western nations for trade protection would intensify unless Japan worked out effective measures.

S. Africa said to get China uranium

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (AFP) — Enriched uranium to be supplied by French Framatome next year to South Africa comes from China, the Washington Post said Thursday.

The U.S. authorities believe a Swiss firm has acted as an intermediary for deliveries of Chinese enriched uranium to Framatome, the paper said. This uranium would be processed on behalf of South Africa.

Last week, reports from Johannesburg said a first consignment of nuclear fuel would reach the plant at Koeberg, South Africa's first nuclear power station. This would provide the initial charge for the two reactors which would be started up late next year.

Dollar rates lose ground

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Nov. 19 — The American dollar fell back the New York markets Wednesday after a relatively strong performance in Europe. U.S. dollar interest rates considerations were the main factor here, with dollar deposits easing for the fourth consecutive day running.

There continues to be different signals coming out from the U.S. money markets, since the U.S. Federal Reserve Board has kept its "Fed Funds" lending rate at 13 1/4 - 13 3/4 percent, while the other prime rates are falling. The result has been to introduce an element of confusion on the exchange markets which had been expecting European interest rates to fall. When this did not materialize, the dollar fell back on the exchanges.

On the local markets, spot dollar/riyal levels were weaker than Wednesday rates, with few actual transactions made. Riyal deposit rates continued to remain stable with little change observed in most tenors.

With Eurodollar one-month interest rates now reaching 12 1/2 - 12 3/4 percent and the one-year at 12 15/16 - 13 1/16 percent, the latter falling below the 13 percent level for the first time during the past five-months. The interest differentials between the dollar and other Eurocurrency rates is fast being eroded, with British and French interest rates now higher than the dollar. The second factor is that the exchange markets are now seriously reassessing their reaction to the ongoing American economic recession and, as such, dealers are feeling

that the Wednesday dollar exchange levels might have been too optimistically high.

In the New York markets, some heavy profit-taking and book squaring brought down the dollar's value, particularly against the Japanese yen which closed at 221.85 in New York but went up further to 218.00 levels in London Thursday. Once again, the Japanese currency is buoyed by Japan's strong economic performance, stable oil prices for the foreseeable future and a narrowing yen interest rate differential against the dollar.

In other currency news, the German mark picked up some lost ground to trade at 2.2285 levels in New York and 2.220 in Frankfurt Thursday. This compares favorably with the 2.2480 levels reached Wednesday when the dollar was strengthening. The French franc also strengthened to 5.6170 levels after its sharp fall to 5.6700 on Wednesday. The story was the same with the other currencies viz. the Swiss franc up to 1.7800 (from 1.7980), and the British pound up to 1.9215 (from 1.8940).

In the local markets, spot dollar/riyal rates were quoted at 3.4200-100 on opening, but soon fell to 3.4190-00 with the dollar's decline. Little activity was reported Thursday unlike some sizeable dealing Wednesday. Riyal deposit rates remained stable but with few deals being struck past the three-month tenor. The one-month fixed riyal rate was quoted at 7 - 7 1/2 percent for most of the day, while the one-year was quoted, but not dealt, at 12 1/4 - 12 3/4 percent.

OECD debates economic outlook

PARIS, Nov. 19 (AFP) — Senior officials of the 24 members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) began two days of talks here Thursday on the economic outlook, worsened by the recession.

The OECD's economic policy committee, chaired by Murray Weidenbaum, U.S. President Ronald Reagan's chief economic adviser, is discussing the latest forecasts of the OECD secretariat, which point to a sharper setback to OECD growth in the second half of this year than predicted in the summer.

OECD experts now estimate that the 24 countries' combined growth will be barely above zero — 0.2 percent at an annual rate against a previously predicted one percent.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Table with columns: Country, SAMA, Cash, Transfer, Selling Price, Buying Price. Includes entries for Bahraini Dinar, Bangladesh Taka, Belgian Franc, Canadian Dollar, Deutsche Mark, etc.

Detroit 'ugly ducklings' hit high road

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (WP) — Detroit's large cars, the ugly ducklings of the U.S. auto fleet, are selling surprisingly well in this fall's depressed economy despite their size, gasoline appetite and old-style, rear-wheel-drive engines.

According to the script adopted by most of the industry, large cars like the Chrysler New Yorkers, Olds 88S and Ford Grenadas were doomed, headed for sure replacement over the next few years by waves of smaller, newly-designed cars with modern, front-wheel-drive technology. Instead, they have won a reprieve.

London stock market

LONDON, Nov. 19 (R) — Share prices closed firmer after advancing throughout the day in quiet trading advancing throughout the day in quiet trading following better than expected third quarter results from the Royal Dutch Shell group, dealers said. At 1500 hours, the Financial Times index was up 7.6 to 511.1.

Shell closed 16p higher at 376p and Royal Dutch gained 50p at 1743p. Other oil had gains of BP apiece in Ultramar and BP. Industrial leaders closed with gains of up to 15p, led by electricals. Golds ended little changed from overnight levels after recovering, with the bullion price, from early weakness.

UK government bonds closed with gains of 1/4 point at the longer end and 1/4 point in shorts, around 1/4 point below the day's best levels reached after the latest UK money supply figures, dealers said. They estimate that around half of the new 14 percent exchequer 1986 short tap stock was applied for at Thursday's tender, after the market's firm opening had prompted late demand.

Electricals had GEC up 15p to 744p and Plessey up 13p to 338p, while other industrials added up to 11p. Boots fell a net penny to 202p after touching 209p following interim

Chrysler Corp.'s compacts remain its best selling models by far, but its hottest car is the intermediate-sized New Yorker, with a waiting list of would-be buyers. Sales of General Motors Corp.'s mid-sized cars in September reached their highest levels of the year, partially offsetting declines in smaller models. And demand for many full-sized GM and Ford models is substantially higher now than at the beginning of the year.

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The switch is even more apparent in the used-car market, perhaps the purest barometer of auto demand because of the absence of rebates and strategic pricing. In October, the average auction price of large cars nationwide was up 5 percent from September, while the small-car average price dropped 1 percent. Since October, 1980, large used-car prices have risen 28 percent, compared to 16 percent for small cars.

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Prices of high quality oil continue to slide

LONDON, Nov. 19, (R) — Above-average prices for quality, petrol-rich crude oils are still edging down three weeks after an OPEC accord to stabilize pricing and may fall further as exporters fight to sell in a surplus-ridden market, industry sources said Thursday.

Meeting in Geneva Oct. 29 OPEC — the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries — set a ceiling of \$38 a barrel for top grades of the oil produced by Libya, Algeria, Nigeria and non-OPEC Britain. But Nigeria, which had been discounting heavily,

smaller front-wheel-drive cars and the revelling models by far, but its hottest car is the intermediate-sized New Yorker, with a waiting list of would-be buyers. Sales of General Motors Corp.'s mid-sized cars in September reached their highest levels of the year, partially offsetting declines in smaller models. And demand for many full-sized GM and Ford models is substantially higher now than at the beginning of the year.

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chose to price its main crudes at only \$36.52 a barrel. The British National Oil Corporation, meanwhile, proposed a \$36.50 rate for North Sea oil — refiners argued that even that was too high but sources at British Petroleum (BP) Thursday said that key company now accepted the proposal.

Algeria and Libya set prices 50 U.S. cents below the new ceiling at \$37.50 but this week, after a decision by Exxon Corporation to abandon Libyan operations, Libya offered what amounts to a price cut of at least another dollar to some companies that help pump its oil, industry sources said.

The sources said that Libya is apparently offering tax relief on equity oil — oil that firms are entitled to buy as a result of participating in production. The sources said equity producers, including Conoco, Marathon Oil and Amerada Hess of the United States, could expect their Libyan crude to cost as little as \$36.25 if they accepted the offer, although this was by no means certain.

Libya's biggest customer, Occidental, already has its own special arrangement with the Libyans, once OPEC's leading price militants, who have seen their total production slump from two million barrels daily in 1979 to around 700,000 now.

Ted assails Reagan policy

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (R) — Senator Edward Kennedy accused President Ronald Reagan of running a government 'of the rich, for the rich and by the rich' and called on trade unions to fight him before he wrecked the economy for poorer Americans.

In a rousing speech to the main annual U.S. labor convention here, Kennedy called for revision of the president's tax cuts and the immediate repeal of \$33 billion in tax concessions to oil and gas producers.

Kennedy also pointedly attacked Democrats who have been helping President Reagan's programs. "Democrats will not prevail by imitating the opposition. The last thing America needs is two Republican parties," he said.

In a sharp criticism of Reagan's foreign policy, Sen. Kennedy said: "This has been a period of continuing fits and incoherence starts in our international relations. We have had mistakes after mistake."

Sen. Kennedy accused President Reagan of running a government 'of the rich, for the rich and by the rich...this administration has summoned us to selfishness; they have replaced a tradition of compassion with a standard of greed.' He accused Reagan of bringing the country to recession in record time.

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Protestants in fighting mood

U.K. troops fan out along Ireland border

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Nov. 19 (AP) — British paratroopers fanned out along Northern Ireland's border with the Irish Republic Thursday to protect Protestant communities against marauding guerrillas of the Irish Republican Army amid a worsening political crisis in the province.

The army's 600-man emergency "spearhead" battalion, airlifted into the province from Scotland Wednesday, reinforced 11,000 troops in Northern Ireland, combating increased border attacks by the mainly Catholic IRA.

The guerrillas have killed fight Protestants in 10 days the latest a 57-year-old former corporal in the predominantly Protestant Ulster Defense Regiment in Londonderry Wednesday.

The deployment of the crack troops, veterans of Northern Ireland's 12 years of sectarian and political feuding, followed threats by

Protestant militants to make the province ungovernable to protest Britain's failure to smash the outlawed IRA.

The IRA seeks to end British rule in the province and reunite it with the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic under Socialist rule. The Protestants fiercely oppose this.

The new security moves, including cancellation of all police leave, did little to cool Protestant anger. The province appeared headed for a major crisis that has raised fears of open fighting between the IRA and armed Protestant vigilantes.

Northern Ireland Secretary James Prior warned the rebellious Protestants Wednesday that the government will "use the full force of its authority" against "private armies."

But his toughly worded warning went unheeded and the militants' leader, the Rev. Ian Paisley, declared a planned "day of action" next Monday, including a 12-hour work stoppage, will go ahead.

Protestant councilmen have said they will also withdraw all cooperation with the British administration to snarl the government machine.

Paisley and other Protestant leaders prepared to mobilize a vigilante-style "third force" to protect Protestant areas from IRA attack. Paisley told reporters in Belfast he has "50,000 Ulstermen at the ready" and indicated at least some would be armed with legally held weapons.

He also hinted that the vigilantes might also be used to "flush out Republican enclaves" — a move security chiefs fear could spark serious sectarian clashes and bring the so-called "loyalist" into confrontation with British forces.

"It's do or die time," declared Paisley, who is a member of the British and European parliaments. "Now is the time for us to hand together to save our province."

Apart from greater security, the Protestants are demanding that the government abandon all political relations with the Irish Republic and scrap the intergovernmental Anglo-Irish Council that they fear is the first step toward forcing them into reunification with the Republic.

Paisley disclosed that he has met with leaders of outlawed Protestant extremist groups, seeking their support. But these organizations have not yet decided whether to back his challenge to London's authority.



French President Francois Mitterrand

Press raises Mitterrand's health issue

PARIS, Nov. 19 (AP) — Two French opposition publications ran stories Thursday raising questions over the health of President Francois Mitterrand.

His office Wednesday said Mitterrand, 65, had undergone a routine medical check recently at the Val de Grace Military Hospital in Paris and that a bulletin on his health would be published next month.

Shortly after his election in May, Mitterrand issued a detailed medical bulletin which said his general state was "absolutely satisfactory and no acute or chronic anomaly is detectable."

The mass-circulation daily *France-Soir* headlined "Rumors About the Health of Mitterrand." Its story was based largely on a story in the weekly *Paris Match*, on sale Thursday, detailing his hospital visit.

France-Soir, stressing that it did not wish to "use false rumors to attack the president," said it nevertheless was obliged to report that "rumors have been circulating in France for some time now."

One of the rumors, *France-Soir* said, is that the president has been treated for at least seven years by a famous cancer specialist, and that he is supposed to have been treated at the anti-cancer center at Villejuif, France's leading cancer hospital, from which all the records were reportedly removed since the presidential election.

France traditionally has kept silent on the health of its leaders. President Georges Pompidou died in office in 1974 after a long battle with a form of cancer of the blood. Though evidently ill, all stories about his illness were denied until the day of his death.

Paris Match said Mitterrand's alleged secret visit to the Val de Grace Hospital Nov. 7 was not pre-arranged, as for a routine check-up. It quoted unidentified eyewitnesses as saying Mitterrand's skin looked "lemon yellow" and that he walked with difficulty.

\$1m ransom frees Italian

MONTEPULCIANO, Italy, Nov. 19 (R) — Kidnappers set free the daughter of a wealthy Italian builder Thursday after being paid a million dollar ransom for her, police reported. Cristina Peruzzi, 17, was found wrapped up inside a sleeping bag beside a central Italian highway after the gang had told her father to pick her up. She was abducted five weeks ago.

Meanwhile in Italy's southern region of Puglia kidnapers snatched a hotel owner, 34-year-old Raffaele Fitto, police said. The kidnapers telephoned Fitto's father, who runs a textile business, but police would not disclose their demands. Fitto, brother of a Christian Democratic member of the regional Puglia government, is Italy's 33rd kidnap victim this year.

Decree rule plan in France flayed

PARIS, Nov. 19 (AFP) — The French press was Thursday almost unanimous in criticizing as "authoritarian" the French government's decision, announced Wednesday, to rule by decree to speed up certain social reforms.

The government took the decision at its routine weekly cabinet meeting, chaired by President Francois Mitterrand, with the aim of speeding up the law-making process and preventing any delays resulting from lengthy parliamentary debate. The decrees will cover such subjects as the length of the working week, paid holidays and fixing a lower retirement age.

The economic daily *Les Echos* headlined its front-page: "The Government Will Decree What it Ought to Negotiate."

The conservative daily *Le Quotidien*, in a comment headed: "Socialism by Decree" noted that when Mitterrand was in opposition he described the method as "an abuse" when it was used by Premier Georges Pompidou in 1967.

Le Quotidien said that the government wanted to bring in their reforms by decree because ministers were aware that they would be opposed in the National Assembly by Communist deputies, and even by some Socialists.

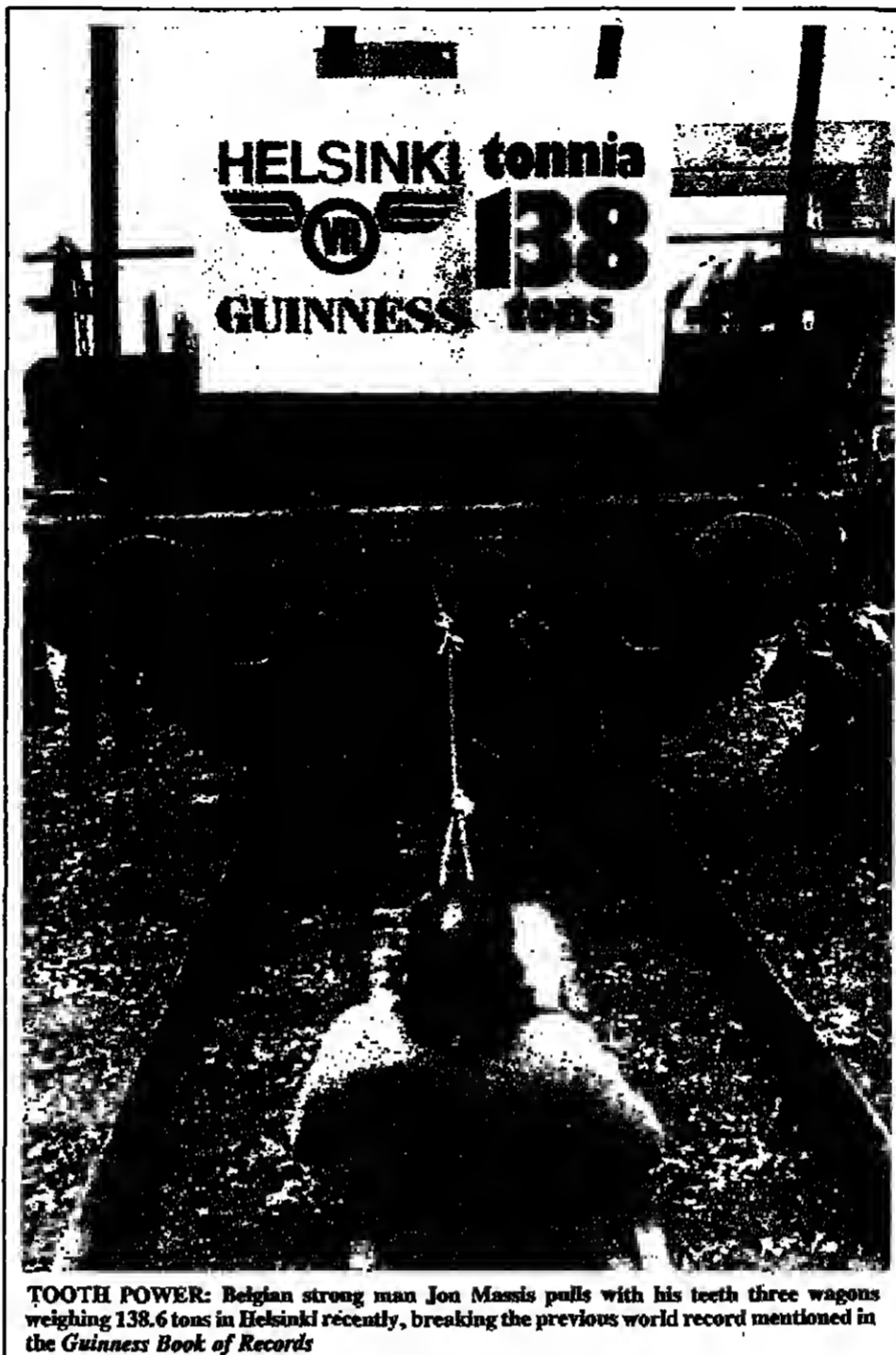
This opinion is shared by opposition right-wing deputies like Francois D'Aubert (Gaullist) who said: "The decision to rule by decree was taken because the government is afraid of its own majority."

The left wing Socialist-Communist-radical government has an overwhelming majority in the National Assembly, but there have been signs that the Communists are not always in complete agreement with their Socialist partners on social issues.

The French Communist Party daily newspaper *L'Humanite* praised the decision and noted that it was a result of "social urgency", adding "but we still have to await details of the government's new social policy."

The conservative daily *Figaro* headlined its front page "A Resort to Special Powers", regretting these were necessary when the government had only been in power for six months.

Major trade unions were prudent in their reaction. The Democratic Confederation of Labor (CFDT) considered that the government's intentions were sound but "on the other hand its methods are rather doubtful".



TOOTH POWER: Belgian strong man Jon Massis pulls with his teeth three wagons weighing 138.6 tons in Helsinki recently, breaking the previous world record mentioned in the Guinness Book of Records

W. Germany, Italy urge political unity of Europe

STRASBOURG, France, Nov. 17 (AP) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher told the European Parliament Thursday that the European Economic Community (Common Market) must shift its attention from "solely economic aspects" to the "overriding objective" of the political unification of Europe.

Launching the joint West German-Italian plan for "European Union" parliamentarians representing 270 million European people, Genscher said that the EEC is "in danger of losing the commitment, in fact the support, of the people living in it."

The initiative for a European union "cannot replace the efforts to resolve the existing economic problems," he said, "but it must accompany them, bolster them and give them a dimension of political finality."

Genscher outlined a four-part plan aimed at strengthening the political dimension of the EEC by integrating security matters into the community's existing foreign policy machinery, including cultural affairs as regular matter of business, cooperating on matters of justice and working more closely to combat "transnational criminality and terrorism."

The initiative is intended to provide "impulses" for incorporating "major new areas into European cooperation," Genscher said.

The West German foreign minister devoted the bulk of his speech to a discussion of ways in which security policy should be worked into the community's foreign policy machinery, calling the political and economic

aspects of European security in the emerging foreign policy were indispensable.

He said the new security dimension would embrace:

— "The joint analysis of worldwide and regional threats" to the community's security.

— The development of "active global policies" by the 10 EEC countries to counter such threats and to help ensure the community's economic security as well as its energy and raw materials supplies.

— Improvement of the EEC's "capacity to react, in consultation with others, to world crises."

— And the development of a trend-setting "overall EEC policy."

"For us, Europe does not end at the frontiers of the states of the (21-nation) Council of Europe," Genscher said. "Europe is the fate of all European nations. We must see this Europe over and above ideological frontiers as the great task of peace."

Such advances of EEC foreign policy into areas of security must be linked to "close and trusting cooperation with the democracies of North America," Genscher said.

He said that what the Italian and West German governments now seek is that the European summit in London next week, Nov. 26-27, "decide on the future procedure for the treatment" of the new initiative. He said he hopes the EEC member states will commit themselves to the goal of European unification in "a high-ranking political declaration."

At London meeting

Thatcher sees EEC accord

BONN, Nov. 18 (AFP) — The summit of European Economic Community government leaders in London on Nov. 26 and 28 will at best agree on the major principles of community reform, Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has said here.

Earlier, Mrs. Thatcher and West Germany's Chancellor Helmut Schmidt stressed the need for East-West military parity at the lowest level possible. At a joint press conference with Schmidt after a regular bilateral meeting Wednesday, Mrs. Thatcher recalled that any reform of the European Community would have three elements on which negotiated progress would have to be parallel.

The three elements were social, industrial and regional policies, the common agricultural policy, and the budget.

Noting that negotiations were very complex, Mrs. Thatcher said advance would not be quick but it was to be hoped that agreement on the three principles would be reached in London.

On the budget, Mrs. Thatcher said the problem was discussed in very general terms with Schmidt, but added that it was vital to

find a fair arrangement for all community members.

It was recalled that both Britain and Germany have expressed dissatisfaction with what they regard as their disproportionately high contributions to the budget.

Chancellor Schmidt denied that there was disagreement between the two countries on the size of the contribution cut granted to Britain for 1980 and 1981.

However, reliable sources had quoted Germany's Finance Minister Hans Mathieser as indicating during a meeting Tuesday with Britain's chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Geoffrey Howe, that Germany wants the reduction in Britain's contribution to be reviewed.

Mrs. Thatcher left London shortly after the press conference, but earlier a communique said that the two sides agreed on the need to achieve East-West military parity at the lowest level possible.

The communique also stressed the need to restructure the community budget, reform farm policy and maintain the level of funding for the community.

Solidarity wants to be watchdog of economy

WARSAW, Nov. 19 (AP) — Solidarity retreated from its demand for a full partnership in the management of Poland's near-bankrupt economy and said instead that it wants to be an authoritative watchdog.

"We are not on the lookout for a coalition," said Marek Brunne, the national spokesman for the independent labor federation as four joint union-government teams prepared to begin discussion Thursday on four of Solidarity's six major demands.

The Communist Party had rejected an equal partnership with the union, and the government instead offered it a place in a "front of national accord" that presumably would be dominated by the government. But at a meeting Tuesday, the government agreed to open negotiations on Solidarity's proposal for a "social-economic council" in which the union was expected to demand an equal voice.

The other three negotiating teams will take up the union's demands for resolution of local conflicts, increased television and radio time for the union and emergency measures to alleviate food shortages and other winter hardships.

The Roman Catholic church also was bidding to be included in the proposed joint leadership, and Solidarity was expected to be in favor of this. But a similar bid on behalf of the farmers from the Communist Party's allies in the United Peasant Party was viewed as a Communist attempt to dilute Solidarity's influence in whatever structure was finally agreed on.

Stanislaw Stanislawski, the head of the Peasant Party's agricultural division, was given observer status at the first government-Solidarity meeting Tuesday.

Slowo Powszechne, a Catholic newspaper, said that "having the front of national accord on the consensus of three fundamental social forces (the party, church and union) means a departure from the theatricality of public life to realism.... The interesting idea must not be nailed down in its cradle with ancient schemes."

Meanwhile, strikes by newspaper vendors and university students continued in Poland Thursday despite parliament's renewed warning Wednesday that it would declare a state of emergency if labor unrest continued.

The independent students union, which is close to Solidarity, is also considering calling an unlimited national strike starting next Tuesday if its demands are not answered, reports said.

Meanwhile, two farmers' groups for the past few days have occupied a Communist youth center in Siedlce, in the east, and a sugar mill in Torun, in the north, to demand constitutional guarantees for privately owned farms.

The newspaper vendors' strike, launched ten days ago in Wroclaw, southern Poland, has spread to almost half the country. The vendors, who also sell tobacco, are protesting a reduction in their higher profits that was caused by a sharp increase in cigarette prices.

Negotiations are continuing and could "finish quickly," according to a radio report Thursday.

The sit-in by university students hoping to force parliament to pass a proposed law on higher education started in Warsaw but has spread to Wroclaw, Torun, Szczecin, Gdansk, Rzeszow, Gliwice and Cracow. Their strike also supports students and employees in Radom who struck two weeks ago to demand the dismissal of a university official.

Kekkonen led squad to kill, memoir says

HELSINKI, Finland, Nov. 19 (AP) — President Urho Kekkonen reveals in the first part of his forthcoming memoirs that he led an expedition squad killing "leftists" at Hamina in the spring of 1918, *Helsingin Sanomat* reported Thursday.

Kekkonen writes, according to *Helsingin Sanomat*, that he was ordered to a group of soldiers leading about ten civilians from the Hamina marketplace to the embankment outside the city.

Only there Kekkonen, says, he realized that the civilians were to be executed for siding with the "Reds." The captain chose the 17-year-old Kekkonen to give the command.

"Raise your weapons, fire," were the words Kekkonen says he used to his best recollection. "I was so nervous I did not know whether I had a rifle or not," he writes. He says this painful memory has lived in him ever since.

"That unhappy day at Hamina has been the root of several of my statements that have been sometimes extremely far to the left of the general opinion," he writes, according to *Helsingin Sanomat*.

The first part of Kekkonen's memoirs, which will include three parts and cover this century from his birth to present day, will come out on Saturday.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazem

It is well when you go to foreign lands that you know of the habits and customs of the tribes therein.

In Great Britain there are two great tribes, great enough to be called by some 'nations'. They are the tribe of the Tories and that of the Laborites. A third new tribe, however, is also emerging, which some say will exceed the former ones in power and glory. It is the SDP-Liberal coalition, an amalgam of two small clans.

While it is true this new force has made some gains, and is seen to contain a rich mixture of tendencies, there is also a view that this will avail it nought in the end since, in Churchill's words when asked what he thought of a certain padding: "Oh, all very well, but it lacks a theme!"

This new tribe we'll leave aside, as you are unlikely to meet any of its adherents when you visit this land and move about its bazaars and caravanserais, inquiring politely whether there had been a good rain last spring and if the Samaritan Silk Trail is still being threatened by the wild Tartar of whatever. (On second thoughts don't mention the word (rain) to any Englishman as you'll never hear the end of it about their weather and how once sixty years ago ...)

Anyway — oh dear, where was I — the point is to distinguish clearly the members of the two major tribes as their usages are so different that you might unwittingly put your foot in it as you attempt to talk to them. Here are some tips on how this is to be done:

"And immediate test is of course that of manner of dress. But this is no longer really reliable. Many a Laborite now goes about in striped suits and hat, and many a Tory goes around dressed like a Laborite. So instead of judging by appearances I developed that I call *The Financial Times* test. You want to know where a chap stands so find a way of inserting a remark like, 'as *The Financial Times* said the other day' and wait for the reaction. The Tory would be the man who responds with 'Ah that great, informative news paper. Plenty of mean there!' While the Labor man, for reasons best known to himself, starts commenting on the texture of the paper on which it is printed!

Then there is a more dangerous test, that of asking someone what kind of money they're making. The danger here is that if you ask a Tory, you'll never get a chance to ask him another question. His answer normally would be to give you a cold stare, after which he would murmur something about Harrods having a great kite sale so why not nip round with the kiddies.

The Laborite on the other hand would tell you immediately what his wage packet is, and how much of it is basic and how much overtime, and what the tax man got out of it all. The form here is that you respond "is that all? I call that derisory, that's what I call it." With this you have gained a friend for life, which is just as well since you have just lost a possible Tory friend...

The third rule — hut sorry, I seem to have run out of space...

Translated from *Ashraf Al-Awsat*

2 thugs kill 24 Indians

NEW DELHI, Nov. (AP) — Twenty-four residents of a small, dusty northern Indian village were reported Thursday to have been gunned down in broad daylight by two thugs who then escaped.

The massacre in the village of Deoli, 200 kms southeast of New Delhi, was described by Uttar Pradesh state official R.C. Tarku at a Thursday news conference in Lucknow, the state capital. Seven women were among the dead.

Tarku identified the gangsters as Radhey and Santoshan and said the two had been feuding with some residents of the hamlet over court cases pending against them. What actually touched off the brutal slayings Wednesday was not immediately known, Tarku added.

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